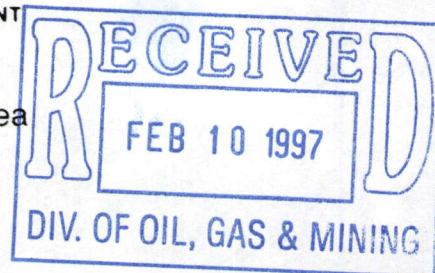




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Dear Mr. Palmer:

We have received and reviewed your plan amendment for your gypsum mine and we have found it to be incomplete. The following items need to be addressed to complete your plan amendment.

1. The acreage addressed in the amendment and those shown on the map do not agree. If one is correct, then it must be explained why it is correct and why the other one is incorrect.
2. It is not clear how much acreage is actually disturbed in Area A, including reclaimed areas. Please clarify. Even though an area has been reclaimed, until that area is released, it is still counted as part of the disturbance.
3. Section 5 is referred to a couple of times. You probably are referring the mining claim BJ #5 as Area B is in Section 29.
4. You are currently authorized and bonded for twelve (12) acres of disturbance. If you plan to exceed this amount, it should be so stated. This will require an increase in the reclamation bond.
5. It is not clear what portion of Area B on the map is to be disturbed as the area is listed as being five acres in size and you have proposed to disturb three acres. Please clarify.
6. We now require control for noxious weeds. A statement to the effect that you will control for noxious weeds by grubbing them out by hand will suffice. Spraying for noxious weeds requires a permit.

7. Hazardous materials must be addressed and what measures will be taken in case of any spillage.

It will take up to 30 days to process the plan amendment once we have a complete amendment on file assuming that we can tier off the existing EA. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Neil Simmons or my staff at (801) 636-3639.

Sincerely,


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